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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending in this application.

Claim 10 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. As noted above, Claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated. As previously noted above, Claim 10 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

At page 1 of the Office action, section 5 and page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are allowed. This indication of allowed subject matter is very much appreciated.

In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 512-457-7233) for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

No fee is due for filing this Reply because it is being filed with the shortened statutory period for response as set in the Office Action dated May 28, 2003.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, LLP.

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